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Sir:

Before considering the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by adding the following after page 29.

-- ABSTRACT

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A copy protection system allows consumers receiving specially-marked copyrighted digital data to read the data while preventing the consumers from transferring the data to an output device, such as a digital storage medium or a computer network interface, without specific authorization from the copyright owner. The special copyright mark is generated by applying a masking function to the data. The masking function is preferably a non-collision resistant compression function such as the Hamming majority value of a block of data. The data and mark are then sent to a media writer which mass produces copies for distribution to users. A user places the copy in a reader device that reads and